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November Garden Tips

- Prune top-heavy trees this month to reduce wind resistance.
- Plant your fall/winter crop of vegetables this month - cauliflower, cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, spinach, swiss chard, celery, peas: English, sugar snap and snow peas and

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Garden Happenings

I hope all of you are enjoying our fall weather, often unpredictable, but better than most of the country!

Now is a great time to plant in our northern California climate. The soil is very workable and the rains that are likely in winter will help get the plants established and be show stoppers next spring.



I've been doing a lot of updating and additions in gardens that I have installed or worked on in recent years. Sometimes a plant just doesn't thrive in its present location. Gardens are a work in progress, and the fall is a good time for transplanting and rethinking plant choices and placement.

Remember to plant your blooming bulbs now for a stunning display by spring. Even if you have deer visiting your garden, you'd be surprised how many bulbs you can use. See the tips list for ideas on what to plant.

Also remember you can still reap the benefits of gardening by planting fall vegetables. Don't miss out on enjoying your cool

radishes.

- Plant bare root onions and garlic starts this month.
- Fertilize fruit and nut trees with ammonium phosphate.
- Camellia sasanqua's starting their bloom now. This plant loves morning sun and comes in a wide variety of colors. It makes a nice informal shrub or espaliered (trained on a trellis) against a fence.
- Plant spring blooming bulbs now; such as daffodils, tulips, hycinth, alliums, fritillaria, muscari, crocus are only some choices.
- Apply winter lawn food now with a fertilizer ratio clost to 20-6-7.
- Feed your azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias again with fertilizer, ratio 0-10-10 and top-dress with forest mulch.
- Force a second batch of indoor bulbs, such as paper whites or hyacinths for a continual display in your home for the holidays.
- Apply your 1st dormant spray to fruit trees and roses with a lime, sulfur and oil spray. Only apricot trees cannot take sulfur only copper.
- Clean all debris under plants to avoid spread of any disease.
- Feed citrus well this month. A healthy well-watered plant resists any frost damage.
- If a frost is approaching, spray with a product called Cloud Cover on citrus, ferns, fuchsia's and bougainvillea to help protect from cold nights.

season harvest. Check out ideas on veggies to plant in the tips section.



And finally, a beautiful garden can extend to the inside of the house.

Heading into the holiday season, with visitors coming in, I can add some wonderful indoor plants and glazed pots to jazz up and decorate some blank spaces in your rooms and add charm and warmth to your guest room.



And an added benefit...plants can reduce fatigue, coughs, and sore throats by 30% partially by increasing humidity levels and reducing indoor pollution.

Now that's really going green!!



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